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Mr. Hughes' Americanism.
This sort of advice is being offered
to both sides in Europe: "Go to it! Do
your best for victory. But don't forget
that after the close of present hostilities
you will be living in much the same old
world and be obliged to communicate
with one another. Business is business,
and business on a world-wide scale will
have to be resumed, and will be resumed
no matter which side wins."

Let us apply this advice to our own
affairs as involved in the present cam-
paign. Let it be said to both sides:
"Go to it! Do your legitimate best for
victory. But don't forget that after the
campaign is over we shall all be, as
now, American citizens charged with a
common loyalty to a common country,
and, as such, must meet our obligations."

Nothing is so certain in this time of
so much uncertainty as that the Novem-
ber verdict will be accepted by both
sides and future action based upon it.
If the democrats win the republicans
will acquiesce, and vice versa.
For this reason how cheap, and even
nausea, is the current blunderdash ascrib-
ing intrigue to Mr. Hughes about our
foreign relations in case of his election!
He is not an unknown man. He has
credit wherever known for good sense,
good character, good citizenship. He is
voicing his views about public questions
very clearly and comprehensively. Natu-
rally, he wants to win. But it is an
insult to intelligence and a departure
from even the most strenuous party
warfare to ask belief for the yarns that
portions of his speeches are the work
of others, and that he is under pledge
for votes to do certain things dictated
by others in the matter of our foreign
relations.

The character of this sort of cam-
paigning is not in line with the supreme
confidence expressed by his opponents in
Mr. Hughes' defeat. Rather does it sug-
gest, if not desperation, at least deep
anxiety and extreme uncertainty. To
impeach, as these yarns do, Mr. Hughes'
manhood and patriotism, and tag him
with backroom conspiracies and back-
stairs understandings, is to bring doubt,
not upon him, but his accusers.
Ten days remain. If there are in re-
serve any more yarns of the extreme
variety we shall not have to wait long
for them. To insure wide circulation
they must soon be started on their
travels.

George Washington's scantily clad sol-
diers are charged with having taken
things that did not belong to them. The
boys who went to the border last summer
were safeguarded against temptation to
meet their necessities by helping them-
selves.

One possibility of further misunder-
standing is eliminated. There is not a
chance that Jeremiah O'Leary will in-
sist on mortifying President Wilson by
voting for him.

Even money in the betting on Wall
street disposes of the democratic sus-
picion that the odds were being manipu-
lated to create an impression of republi-
can confidence.

Bryan Cuts Taggart.
In the current Commoner Mr. Bryan
has a word of praise for all the demo-
cratic candidates for the Senate, save
one. On one he bestows very high
praise. He describes them as "men who
can be depended upon to uphold Presi-
dent Wilson's program in the United
States Senate."

The one candidate "cut dead" is
Thomas Taggart. His name does not ap-
pear in the list. You would not know
of his existence. Mr. Kern is mentioned,
and gets one of the handsomest of the
notices. His position in the Senate is
quoted as showing his influence in that
body, and his achievements are numera-
ted as showing his devotion to his con-
stituents and his party. But of Mr. Tag-
gart there is not a whisper.

What can the matter be? Mr. Tag-
gart is regular, both as to his nomi-
nation and his record as a party man.
He has never scratched a ticket. He was
a Bryan man in Indiana when thou-
sands of other democrats were bolting
Mr. Bryan. He was chairman of the
democratic national committee in the
Parker campaign. He was a Wilson man
at Baltimore, and, therefore, a follower
of Mr. Bryan, when the contest nar-
rowed to the choice between Clark and
Wilson.

Since entering the Senate Mr. Tag-
gart has been upholding President Wil-
son's program. Has Mr. Bryan reason
to fear that if continued in commission
Mr. Taggart will change his course and
cause trouble? If so, he ought to give it.
If not, he ought to explain why after
giving the glad hand to all the other
senatorial candidates he gives the mar-
ble heart to Mr. Taggart.

It may be that Mr. Bryan does not
like Mr. Taggart because the latter is a
boss. But he is no more of a boss now
than in the years he was supporting Mr.
Bryan for President. His boss-ship
dates far back. He is the dean of the

bunch, so to say. He was a boss when
Charles F. Murphy and Roger Sullivan
were in leading strings, learning how.
And then, another thing. It is upon
the Taggart machine the democrats of
Indiana are now resting their hopes of
carrying that state. Without it they
could do nothing. With it they are—or
say they are—expecting to get there.
And yet it is at such a time that Mr.
Bryan puts a slight on the owner and
driver of that important and historic
vehicle!

Will this—is it intended to—injure
Mr. Taggart in his race? Does Mr.
Bryan want to see Mr. Kern elected and
Mr. Taggart defeated?

The French Blow at Verdun.

Striking suddenly out from their stub-
bornly held positions north of Verdun,
the French have swept upon the Ger-
man lines at a point that has been
marked by the most furious fighting
during the months-long campaign in that
sector and smashed through to a depth
of more than two miles. This brilliant
stroke, coming immediately upon the
capture of Constanza by Mackensen's
army, has greatly heartened the allies
as a demonstration of the ability of the
French army to maintain two offensive
operations simultaneously in heavy force.
There has been no remission of the
French efforts on the Somme front,
whereas evidently the Germans have
been compelled to withdraw troops and
guns from the Verdun sector in order
to resist the attacks at the Somme. That
the German lines have been weakened
in front of Verdun has been suspected
for some time, but that they were suf-
ficiently weakened to enable the French
to break through so quickly and so far,
with such a small loss, was not suspected
save perhaps by the military leaders
themselves. The reports of the new
Verdun French offensive show that the
brief but intense artillery preparation
caught the Germans unawares, and that
the infantry attack followed so quickly
that there was no time to bring rein-
forcements from other parts of the
front.

In a few hours the French have re-
gained ground that the Germans took
in four months of fighting. Strategically
this gain is not particularly impor-
tant. Morally, however, it is of real
consequence in that it serves as a dis-
tinct encouragement to the allied armies.
The German campaign at Verdun has
long since been recorded as a failure,
netting in territory nothing comparable
to the heavy losses entailed. Beginning
February 21, more than eight months
ago, it was pressed with fury until the
German lines were within two miles of
Verdun itself. The French defense of
Verdun was one of the most tremendous
efforts of the war. Notwithstanding the
relatively small importance of the po-
sition strategically, the German efforts
to take it were resisted with unflinching
determination. France practically staked
herself upon this issue, and the stopping
of the German line north of Verdun
was morally a victory almost equal to
that of the battle of the Marne. The
return blow now struck may have an
important effect in the western fighting
not alone at Verdun, but with respect to
other portions of that long battle line.

The Saturday Half Holiday Law.

The acting judge advocate general of
the army has rendered an opinion de-
claring that Saturday afternoon has
been made by statute a legal holiday for
all purposes in the District of Columbia.
This has been declared before. Indeed,
the language of the statute of June 30,
1902, leaves no question on this score.
It is as explicit as language can be,
and yet it has never been enforced. It
has been construed informally as of a
permissive character, allowing the heads
of departments to excuse their clerks
for half a day on Saturday during the
summer months, if the condition of the
public work justified. Thus the clerks
have been given in small measure a
privilege which the law granted them
as a legal right. Now the time has come
when in the judgment of practically all
department heads, bureau chiefs and
division chiefs the public service will be
benefited by a full recognition of the
statutory weekly half holiday. It would,
in fact have been thus benefited at all
times since the enactment of the half
holiday law. Conditions are no differ-
ent now than in 1902 when that law
was passed. Instead of regarding this
matter from the point of view of execu-
tive judgment the administration should
look upon it as a legal requirement to
close the departments at noon on Sat-
urday, in obedience to an act of Con-
gress.

Assumption that Charles E. Hughes
desires to lead this country into war
contradicts the average impression of
the workings of a genuinely judicial
mind.

It is now time for the stormy cam-
paign to proceed with the whirlwind
campaign in preparation for the land-
slide.

Every time the dove of peace attempts
to coo, all parties to the strife in Eu-
rope are unanimous in telling it to get
back into its cage.

Finger-Print Proof.

In the Police Court in this city yes-
terday a man was held for the grand
jury on the strength of a finger-print
found on a piece of glass from the win-
dow of a store which was burglariously
entered Saturday night. The finger-
print has taken its definite place in the
field of crime detection, and has been
the cause of many a conviction that
would otherwise have been impossible.
But the sophisticated criminal is taking
warning from the records of the police
in finger-print matters, and never thinks
of exposing the whorls and quirks of his
digital extremities to the risk of preser-
vation. A case of this kind has just oc-
curred on Long Island. The thieves

drove in a motor car to the house of a
wealthy family and obtained an en-
trance, with the aid, it is suspected, of
some member of the household. They
then ransacked the premises after
chloroforming a pet dog to prevent its
giving an alarm, and got away with
jewels valued at \$110,000. A careful ex-
amination of the premises discloses no
signs of finger-prints, but reveals the
fact that the burglars all wore gloves.
There is not a clue to their identity.
The scientific detective is thus baffled.
In fiction the clever crime detector
sometimes gets his clues from cigar-
ette ashes. In this case, however, the
thief took no chances, but smoked the
cigars of the owner of the house. The
crime may be solved by some means,
but it is evident that the finger-print
will not figure in this case.

Night Schools.

The unusually heavy enrollment in
the night schools this year should be
carefully noted by the officials in their
annual reports, to impress Congress with
the fact that this branch of the public
education system of the District serves
an important and growing need of the
community. Night schools are no longer
regarded as fads or experiments. They
are giving instruction to thousands of
people who otherwise would be deprived
of educational facilities. There is no
justification for regarding a school build-
ing as finishing its work with the close
of daylight hours. Lessons can be
taught after dark, as well as by sun-
light. Education is needed by adults as
well as children. It is the true func-
tion of the schools to teach all classes,
and not merely to train the young minds.
With all the handicaps of inadequate
facilities the night schools in Washing-
ton have been the means of practically
educating large numbers without other
opportunities for self-improvement.
These schools should be opened simul-
taneously with the day schools and
should run as long. Indeed, they should
run continuously throughout the year.
The appropriations for night school
purposes should be liberal as a means of
putting the school plant to work at full
capacity.

Increased wages to meet higher prices
cannot keep prices from going still
higher. The problem of securing an
economic system which will enable prices
to meet wages on reasonable terms may
have to be considered.

Carranza has been a disappointment
to those who thought the seething re-
proaches administered would cause him to
be so ashamed of himself that he would
resign.

Anybody who intends to heckle Col.
Roosevelt is in danger of feeling that
he has encountered the man who in-
vented the game.

This country has been described by
European students of sociology as "a
melting pot." It is bubbling fiercely
just at present.

Japan wants peace, but makes it clear
that, under provocation, she is not too
proud to fight.

The full ballot box now becomes the
great national consideration.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Gotten.

"How did you come out with those
people who said they were going to get
you?"
"They made good," replied the bandit.
"I said to them: 'If you don't quit
bothering me I shall make it so unpleas-
ant that you will regret it. Do you get
me?' And they got me."

Appearances.
On outward show we must not dwell
With confidence complete;
To judge an oyster by its shell,
It isn't meant to eat.

Looking for Improvement.
"Bliggins says he's an anarchist."
"Hope he is."

"Why?"
"Even anarchists have some feelings.
When they find they're compelled to as-
sociate with a man like Bliggins, maybe
some of them will reform."

Locating the Need.
"Do you contend for the uplifting of
the drama?"
"No," replied Mr. Stormington Barnes;
"what's needed is to uplift the audiences
so that so many of them won't insist on
being demoralized."

Sympathetic.
"I thought your wife said she'd never
vote for that man."

"It's a case of woman's tender-heart-
edness," rejoined Mr. Meekton. "People
have said so many awful things about
him that he's getting her sympathy.
Henrietta's going to vote for him be-
cause she's sorry for him."

Privileges Disclaimed.
Since Chris Columbus sailed his ship
So many years ago,
We've given many cases the slip,
Such as men used to know.
The boats are fine and stout and swift;
The railways help a lot,
And telephones your voice will lift
To any distant spot.

From distant realms the things are
brought
That comfort and sustain,
And life with luxury is fraught
Such as few hoped to gain.
Yet man keeps up the same old grind
'Mid poverty and pain.
He will not leave his cares behind
And just enjoy himself.

Campaign's Closing Days.

From the Springfield Republican.
In the last two weeks of a presiden-
tial campaign look out for tomfool per-
formances by over-heated gentlemen on
both sides. It is the hysterical period
of "claim everything" and "save the
country," also "swat the villain" and
"poor's a liar."

THE CLUB PLAN.
Furniture, Rugs and Kitchen Cab-
inets—the club plan associates lowest
cash prices with deferred payments.

The Palais Royal
A. Lisner. G Street.

Inexpensive Trimmed Hats
Very Superior at \$5.00 and \$7.75.
A very advantageous purchase of Untrimmed Velvet Hats—
and a sample line of ornaments, wings, pins and fur, acquired at
nearly half the actual values, enables the Palais Royal milliners
to trim and offer better than usual \$10 hats at \$7.75, and better
than usual \$7.50 hats at only \$5.00. Limited quantity—to hurry
for—when gone such bargains are not likely to be repeated.
Palais Royal—Second Floor—6 Elevators.

Headquarters for 1916-17 Coats
Headquarters—because of great-
est and best variety of authentic
styles—including many one-of-a-
kind exclusive models—all at con-
siderably less than New York prices.

The Exclusive Models, \$35.00 to \$75.00
Masterpieces—Worthy the Inspection of the Connoisseur.

Hundreds at \$15 and Up to \$27.50
Flaring, voluminous coats of wool velour, pebble cheviot, boucle,
mixtures, English tweeds, double-face frieze and seal-like plush. New
large collar models with full rippling backs or belted in various
ways. Many fully lined.
An ideal for every phase of form, miss or adult. And extraor-
dinarily good value at every price—\$15.00, \$19.50, \$22.50, \$25.00 and
\$27.50.
HEADQUARTERS—The claim is fully justified. Many visitors,
time and time again, after having shopped around, return to pur-
chase and many have expressed their opinion very fully. The con-
sensus of opinion, evidently, is that here is headquarters for the new
coats.
Palais Royal—Third Floor Parlors—6 Elevators.

New York Specialty Shop \$39 to \$50 Suits
Palais Royal Price. **\$34.50** Inspection Requested.
Visitors here from New York can enjoy quite an experience—and will indorse the state-
ment that Fifth Avenue \$39 to \$50 Suits are here at only \$34.50. Suits perfectly tailored and
fur-trimmed models in high or low waist models—the coats in finger-tip length or to 34 length.
Many have great deep, luxurious collars of fur that are easily convertible—also rich fur
around cuffs, pocket and bottom—others are plainer tailored or with fur edgings, hand em-
broiery and button trimmings, etc. The materials are fine, silky velour, chiffon broadcloths
and fine poplin, new greens and browns, plum, Burgundy and catwba, rubber gray, and the
ever-wanted navy and black. All sizes.
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Dresses Very Special at \$15.00 and \$16.00
French Serge Dresses. Crepe de Chine Dresses.
Satin, Crepe Meteor and Taffeta Silk Dresses.
Unusual at the prices—note the tailoring of the plainer models and the steel beads, gold
thread and colored yarn embroidery on the more dressy models. Some with white satin or
brocade cloth collars are dainty.
Palais Royal—Third Floor Parlors—6 Elevators.

Coats, Special, \$3.98
\$1.25 for Hats to Match.
For girls of 2 to 6 years and boys of 2 to
4 years. Coats of corduroy, chinchilla and
astrakhan cloth; high and belted waist
models; some with braid and fur trim-
mings. Choice for \$3.98.
The Hats, at \$1.25, are tailored or with
ribbon and flower trimmings. A few with
beaver heads.
Palais Royal—Third Floor.

Underwear 25c and 65c
50c to \$1 Values.
Broken Lots Reduced.
At 25c Women's 50c "Mer-
ode" Vests, Pants
and Corset Covers.
At 65c 100 Medium-weight
Union Suits, with
high, low and Dutch
necks.
Palais Royal—Street Floor.

Hosiery Adults' and Juveniles'
Women's Silk Hosiery and Superior
Lisle Hosiery, black and
color; seconds of 50c
grade.
Women's Seconds of 25c
and 35c Hosiery; white and
black.
Children's Fine Cashmere Hosiery,
pink and blue only;
sizes 5 to 6 1/2.
Palais Royal—Street Floor.

Bath Robes
Of Beacon Blankets.
\$2.98
The Beacon blanket will be
judged worth \$2.98—and the
tailoring can be calculated to cost
nothing. Made with round and
square collars and without collars.
Satin bound, with cord at waist.
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Where Low Prices Are Linked With Reliable Goods.

Suits —in Limited Quantity—Some Worth \$20, \$15.00
Poplin Suits—Gabardine Suits—Fine Serge Suits—mostly the wanted blue and black—and
the plain and semi-tailored models that are always in fashion.

Coats, \$10
Very Special.
There are Full, Rippling
Coats, all around belted, and
partially belted models; many
with trimmings or with col-
lars and cuffs of plush or vel-
vet.
Chiefly of wool velour,
tweeds and fur fabrics; in all
the new rich colorings.
Sizes for misses to extra
sizes for large women.
Palais Royal—Basement Store.

Dresses \$10
Very Special.
Wool Serge, Taffeta Silk
and Crepe de Chine Dresses;
in blue, brown, wine, green
and black.
For misses and women of
average size are new plaited
models, some with touches
of embroidery in colors; col-
lars and cuffs of white
satin.
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age size are simple but
Smart Serge Dresses—in
sizes up to 46.

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In the Basement Store.
Waists, 79c
Eight styles of sheer white voile,
lingerie and embroidered effects;
some frilled effects. \$1.00 value—
79c.
Petticoats, 69c
Of Hyde-Grade material, with
fourteen (14) inch tailored flounce,
black only. Values, \$1.00—69c.
Gowns, 98c
Women's Flannellette Night-
gowns, extra heavy quality; ex-
tra full and extra long; regular
and extra sizes. \$1.39 value—98c.
Covers, 19c
Corset Covers of fine muslin, lace
and embroidery trimmed; all sizes
up to 44. Better than usual at 25c
—19c.
Napkins, 10c
20-inch Wide Mercerized Nap-
kins, hemmed ready for use; val-
ue, \$1.50 per dozen. Each, 10c.
Tub Fabrics, 6c
50 pieces of Crepes, Voiles, Lawn
and Check Nainsook; light and
dark colors, stripes and figures.
Values to 15c—yard, 6c.
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Children's Fine Ribbed Hose,
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white; most all sizes. Special, 10c
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Inlaid Linoleum at 98c
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\$16.00 Table.....\$13.50	\$15.00 Chair.....\$12.00
\$14.50 Table.....\$12.00	\$12.00 Chair.....\$10.50
\$13.50 Table.....\$11.00	\$10.00 Chair.....\$8.50
\$12.50 Table.....\$10.00	\$9.00 Chair.....\$7.50
\$11.50 Table.....\$9.50	\$6.50 Chair.....\$5.50

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\$21.00 Settee.....\$18.00	\$8.50 Rockers.....\$7.50
\$11.50 Settee.....\$9.50	\$6.50 Rockers.....\$4.95

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ue—79c.
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